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**KENNEDY TO DELIVER EDUCATION ADDRESS AT CENTER FOR AMERICAN
PROGRESS**

***KENNEDY TO DISCUSS BENEFITS OF EXPANDED LEARNING TIME AND THE
MASSACHUSETTS MODEL***

Washington, D.C. – TODAY, January 8, at 10:00 AM, Senator Edward M. Kennedy will discuss the critical importance of improving student performance and closing the achievement gaps for all students through expanding time for learning and enrichment at the Center for American Progress. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the first state to undertake a systemic initiative to expand school schedules. The Center for American Progress sponsored a study to close achievement gaps by extending learning time in the classroom, and Massachusetts is the furthest along in adopting and implementing this type of reform. Senator Kennedy co-sponsored legislation establishing the Commission on Time and Learning, which called for leveraging more time for learning in schools and was a significant factor in establishing the federal role in afterschool programs.

WHO: Senator Edward M. Kennedy
John Podesta, Center for American Progress
Hilary Pennington, Gates Foundation
David Driscoll, Massachusetts Education Commissioner
Chris Gabrieli, President, Mass 2020
Jim Caradonio, Superintendent, Worcester Public Schools
Robin Harris, Principal, Fletcher Maynard Academy
Paul Toner, Vice President, Massachusetts Teachers Association

WHAT: Center for American Progress' unveiling of a case study based on the Massachusetts extended learning initiative showing the importance of increased learning time for students.

WHEN: 10:00 AM

WHERE: Center for American Progress
1333 H Street NW 10th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

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